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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 5.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Friday, increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow.

Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Rain.

DEMAND FOR FREAKS.

Ball for Nan Patterson and Mrs. Chadwick now being in sight, the theatrical world is agog over the prospects of these new shining stars in the firmament over the footlights. Fabulous sums are said to have been offered both these ladies, soon after their incarceration, to appear in vaudeville, in the "legit," or in comic opera. Miss Patterson, while commonly spoken of as an actress, is really a chorus girl, of the second rate variety. She was not one of the original "Florodora" sextet maidens. On Broadway now you cannot throw a club at a yellow dog without hitting one of the original sextet of that astonishingly successful light opera. If you take the word of the girl herself. Original "Florodora" sextet girls are as multitudinous as the school mates of Dewey or the girls who could have "had" famous men, if they had "wanted" them. Miss Patterson, to resume, was a sextet girl in a "second" company. If five words, spoken when nobody is particular has "taken center," is acting, then she is an actress; she had her name on the bills, anyway, which is something. But, lo! the moment she poses in the public eye as a possible murderess, she is the Terry-Modjeska class.

Mrs. Chadwick, despite the fact that, so far as is known to the police, this highly versatile woman has never appeared under the limelight, today, without technical experience, probably is a better actress than Miss Patterson. In any event, either is undoubtedly a "big card" for enterprising managers and the man who could "book" both of them in a duo turn, has his fortune made. There is a craze today on the American stage for freaks. The gaping public likes to be taken in, as Mr. Barnum's life and Mr. Heinze's depositions will tell you, and the more it is robbed, on the stage or off, the better it likes it.

UNCLEAN MONEY

The war for cleanliness and proper sanitation takes on many phases, and one of them is the war on what may well be called "filthy lucre," or the "dirty dollar," meaning, not the famous "dollar of our daddies," which could be shined up now and again, but the dollar of our youth and early manhood, the old paper dollar, and its wealthier, and not much tidier rich relations of one denomination or another. The new year is the time for making good resolutions, and there is a sort of "solution" which has been proposed in congress, and allowed to rest over the holidays, to effect a reform in our currency by decreeing that all paper money finding its way to the treasury or any department thereof shall not be reissued, but shall be destroyed. As is generally known, this is the custom with "the Old Lady of Threadneedle street," otherwise the Bank of England, and that is why we always see the English notes crisp and clean, as if they had just been issued from the bank, as indeed most of them have. It seems this plan has been suggested in this country before, but for some occult reason was not carried out. But we are now in the first decade of the twentieth century, and it is a good time to try again, and take care there is no failure this time. Cer-

tainly much, indeed most of our paper money that circulates is a disgrace to any people calling themselves civilized and enlightened. It is indeed our unhappy reputation to be the possessor and circulator of the dirtiest money of any large nation. Do we want to continue that humiliating pre-eminence? Decency forbid!

VICTIMS OF THE CIGARETTES.

"More than three-fourths of the boys committed to the reform school are addicted to the use of cigarettes," says Superintendent Loney of that institution, in his biennial report. "It is almost impossible to cure them of the longing for tobacco. If the legislature will pass a stronger measure prohibiting the sale of such stuff to young boys, they will make a long step toward helping the youth of our state."

"I cannot too strongly urge some legislation along this line, for we do not need to visit a reform school to see the effects of cheap cigarettes on the rising generation. The boys who have been in the habit of using them can easily be selected, as they show a listless, aimless manner and are dull and lacking in ambition."

"The cigarette has more victims than saloons. It gets a fast hold on the young before reason and judgment have developed, and insidiously saps intelligence and vitality before the parent realizes it; when the boy reaches manhood he has become an irresistible cigarette fiend."

GRAND JURIES.

Grand juries are becoming a farce. They act on the hypothesis that a man is guilty until proven innocent. They listen to ex-parte evidence and indict men on the most flimsy pretext. They do not stop to consider that an indictment against a man, however innocent, is an irreparable injury to his character and reputation. If justice were meted out to all offenders, the average grand jury ought to be indicted for bigotry and ignorance. The indictment of Mayor Williams in Portland upon the flimsy pretext of not enforcing the laws is just what is to be expected of this auxiliary of maladministration. The indictment is not predicated upon any lawful acts of the mayor, but upon the suppositions of an organized band of reform cranks sailing under the euphonious name of the Municipal Reform Association.

Municipal Reform Associations, as a rule, are composed of disgruntled grafters; who because they are afflicted with political kleptomania, imagine that everyone else is. They are productive of no good in any community, are antagonistic to everything in which they are not directly benefited, and a superfluous sore on the body politic. It is a shame and a disgrace that an honorable man, over 50 years of age, who has devoted his entire life to the progress and achievements of Portland; who has filled many positions of honor and trust with credit to himself and honor to the public, should be indicted by a coterie of self-adjudged law-makers who can not distinguish the difference between the code of Oregon and Hoyle's work on draw poker.

They eke out a miserable existence sitting on grand juries, the only visible result of their inactivity is piling up costs against a county. In a large majority of cases men are indicted out of malice and revenge. The legislature of the state of Oregon did a most commendable thing when they virtually abolished the grand jury system, and permitted informations to be filed by the district attorney. A district attorney has some knowledge of law. When a case is presented to him for consideration, he subpoenas witnesses both for the state and defense, and seldom returns an indictment unless upon good and sufficient cause. With a grand jury it is different. It is usually composed of some of the most ignorant biggots that can be raked together in the county. They have no knowledge of law and resemble the incurable ward in an insane asylum. They are the cube root of a vacuum, the net product of nothing.

Mr. Carnegie denies that he hires a literary man to edit his books and magazine articles. It is also understood that he edits his own promissory notes and other negotiable papers.

George Ade is telling his friends that he has been drinking nothing but water for more than a week. Ade is a very glutton in trying new things.

In insisting that the present congress must be economical Speaker Cannon doubtless understands how difficult it is to break a precedent.

WOMEN'S WORLD.

Mrs. Decker Makes Some Important Appointments.

Denver, Jan. 5.—Announcement of the appointment of Miss Mary Abbott of Watertown, Conn., as chairman of the educational committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has been made by Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, president of the federal convention. Mrs. Decker, "will be one of the foremost important yet made by Mrs. Decker. The members of the committee will be deans and presidents of prominent colleges."

"The work of the committee," said Mrs. Decker, "will be one of foremost considerations of the federation. We will try to formulate plans for work with college women, with a view to eventually introducing domestic science, manual training and the like into our colleges. The era idea is to fit the girls for work in the world—not to educate them so much as to give them training in the things, in other words for which woman is specially adapted."

DOUBLE FUDGE.

Very Startling Statement on Tacna-Arica Problem.

Lima, Peru, Jan. 5.—At a full session of congress and with the galleries crowded with spectators Foreign Minister Parlo has clearly explained the state of the international relations of Peru.

He announced that he regarded the difference with Ecuador and Columbia as being entirely settled by the recent treaties, and referring to Chile, he said he was convinced of the necessity of re-establishing the legations in an endeavor to find a practical solution of the tacna-arica problem.

Minister Prado referred in terms of gratitude to the many proofs of friendship received from the United States, especially to the recent question which arose in the allegations of the American consul at Iquique while in charge of the Peruvian consulate there, was erroneously said to have given improper bills of health to steamers leaving Iquique.

MELBA GENEROUS.

Lets Young Singer Have the Principal Role.

Kansas City, Jan. 5.—Mme. Melba and her company appeared in the Convention hall before the largest audience ever gathered in this city to hear a concert.

Her protegee, Miss Parkinson, whose home is in this city, made her first appearance since her European successes, and the great audience gave her an extraordinary welcome home, recalling her again and again. Mme. Melba, who also was warmly received, was very generous, introduced the young singer, and gave her the principal numbers of the program. The company is on its way to fill engagements in Australia.

MAGNIFICENT PRESENT.

Silver Service From People of Prussia. A Joint Gift.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The joint wedding gift of 100 cities of Prussia to Crown Prince Frederick William and the duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg Schwerin, on the occasion of their approaching marriage, to which invitations to contribute were sent out by a committee of mayors yesterday, will represent about one cent apiece from each Prussian city dweller. The present will be a silver table service for 50 persons and of more than 1000 pieces of original designs, costing \$125,000, or \$25,000 more than the similar one given to the imperial pair in 1881.

ALICE BREAKS OUT.

Poor Girl Monkeys With Problem Plays.

Tacoma, Jan. 5.—The first night production of "Pauline Darcy," a problem play written by Dr. Alice M. Smith of Tacoma in collaboration with Lucius Henderson, by Florence Roberts and her company at the Tacoma theater this evening before a packed house. The play is a "problem play" that deals with the inexorable fate of the woman who has sinned. The interest is well sustained throughout and the production was received with favor that at times was enthusiastic.

STRANGE DEATH.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—In the death of G. H. Ven Kamp, a detective, the police believe they have a possible murder mystery. A week ago Van Kamp was beaten into insensibility by two men who attacked him on the street, and it was only a few days ago that he left a hospital, and today his body was found upright in his apartments. There were incisions on the head, but the police could not determine whether they were self-inflicted.

Reported Suicide.

One of the women of the "lower town" persuasion started for the water front last night with the avowed intention of "ending it all," no one had seen her up to 3:30 a. m. and the inference is that she succeeded. Her name was Gertie Mallory, and she formerly worked in a department store in Portland.

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